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PEACE BONDS IN N.C.

Five North Carolina colleges have joined the Peace Bond campaign. Duke, East Carolina Teachers College, Pfeiffer, Salem, Woman's College of U.N.C. have ordered a total of 107 Bonds for immediate sale.

Letters from Carolina, Greensboro College, and State show interest in the campaign and pledge support. These colleges are expected to give valuable aid to the movement in the state.

The Peace Bond campaign, launched by the NCPW, is intended to raise one million dollars for peace. Provision is made on each Bond for the purchaser to allocate 40% to any peace organization of his choice.

All college groups and individuals, both in and out of N.C., are requested to join the campaign. Allocations to the Southern Peace-Action Movement will be used to furnish interested persons and groups with peace material and to organize for action.

Action: Sympathizers with the peace movement in colleges are requested to address Peace Agent for details.

ON THE CAMPUS

Greensboro College. February 19, at a special meeting of the "Y" Cabinet, definite plans for a concerted campus "peace-action" program were formulated. First on the calendar of events was the presentation of Mr. Douglas Corriner of Duke, who made an address before the Vesper assembly on "Realistic Action for Peace."

Pfeiffer College. This college of only 160 students has made effective progress. In order to promote the sale of Peace Bonds ordered from the NCPW, the peace committee sponsored what they called a "measuring party" that proved highly successful in their sale of bonds. The Cabinet has provided for a supply of late peace publications to be placed in the library. The Dramatics Group in the college have been required to declaim on the problem of peace.

Woman's College of U.N.C. Eleanor Archibald Eaton, Field Secretary of the International League for Peace and Freedom, will speak on Wednesday, February 26.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Peace-minded people should keep an eye on Washington.

...Rush.....RUSH.....Rush....

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS. Jesse M. MacKnight of NCPW writes: "Hearings on Naval Appropriation Bill are being held by subcommittee in House - Glover H. Cary (D) Ky., chm.; William B. Umstead (D) N.C.; William R. Thom (D) Ohio; George W. Johnson (D) W. Va.; James G. Scrugham (D) Nevada; Clarence J. McLeod (R) Mich.; J. William Ditter (R) Pa. A hearing before the committee is being arranged by various peace organizations. It would be very helpful to have letters go to the members of the committee expressing strong objections to huge navy appropriations before this hearing. (this week).....It is not necessary to mention the hearing. Will you write the member from your District and get as many other letters as possible....?"

Do you receive the Washington Information Letter?

Every peace worker should know what Congress is doing for peace or war. Write this office for a sample copy of this weekly news-letter.

NEUTRALITY. The compromise neutrality resolution passed last week by Congress extends the present act to May 1, 1937. An important addition is a ban on loans and credits used in normal commercial transactions. Proponents of strict neutrality were not pleased with the resolution, because of its mild nature. Other features of the Johnson Act were retained. Efforts to restrict the "freedom of the seas" policy were beaten down by Senator Borah and others. Latin-American countries were exempt from the arms ban if attacked by a non American power.

Note: The policy of Peace-Agent henceforth will be to remind readers of important peace issues before Congress and to suggest action. Information on the significance of Congressional action will be furnished upon request. Give Peace-Agent a chance to help you in your peace-action problems.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING...

Congressional Action. Peace-Agent aims to please its readers and to meet an existing need. Requests have been made for us to include more information about Congressional policies and action. We prefer to send information of this kind under separate cover to anyone who wishes it.

Good Work! We take off our hats to Pfeiffer College for gallant work on Peace Bonds. Other colleges which have so far failed to sell Bonds may well take note.

Expense. Peace-Agent will cost more as time goes on and our circulation increases. Any person or college group desiring to lend a hand in this work will be received like a brother. Just send your pennies to Peace-Agent. If you have already bought a Peace Bond, consider yourself a real supporter of the paper.

What It's For. Peace-Agent is designed to serve as a bulletin on action for peace, especially in colleges. We are hoping to stir up further interest in the peace movement and to solicit cooperation of all persons and groups interested. Peace-Agent is dedicated primarily to organizing colleges in N. C. into the Southern Peace-Action Movement.

How To Use It. Use Peace-Agent in your peace committees. Send copies to your college officials. Follow up by explaining what we are doing. Distribute copies to student officials on the campus and to other interested students. Post copies where they will be noticed. Make your distribution regular and urge attention to the peace movement among colleges.

Thanks! We wish to extend hearty thanks to all who have written in commenting on the bulletin. Let us hear from you often. You are our board of criticism.

Single Copies. Those of you who received single copies of Peace-Agent direct by mail are requested to reply by postal card if you wish your copy continued.

"PEACE-ACTION"

The term "peace-action" means more than just "doing something for peace." It means focusing public attention on the 532 Americans who are our "determiners of policy" in Washington. These are 435 Representatives, 96 Senators, and a President.

It is the duty of all voters and near-voters to keep their Representatives and Senators informed about their desires on various issues affecting world peace. Do you know how your Congressmen stand on Military Appropriations, Military Disaffection, the League of Nations...?

If we really want peace, we should be willing to "put peace above party" and "put peace men in political power."

WHAT CAN COLLEGE STUDENTS DO?

College students for the most part are not voters and cannot act as political agents. But there is much they can do. There are three areas of work. (1) The College Campus. (2) The College Community. (3) Back Home.

Back Home. Students should try to convince their "folks" that peace will come only with the working for it. On vacations home and by letters from school they should bring their friends and relatives to "say peace with votes." Peace-Agent will show how to do this.

In the College Community. Several colleges have aided in elections of candidates favoring peace measures. Aggressive committees could canvass the college community before elections stirring up interest in peace-action.

On the Campus. The campus is a community of near-voters who can make peace a live issue through their special talents. Artists can draw and paint for peace. Playwrights, actors, directors can produce peace plays on the campus and in the neighborhood. Every peace committee should have speakers available for deputations to town meetings, visiting other colleges, and speaking at functions on their own campus. Other members of the committee should conduct researches to determine how their Congressmen vote on peace measures; how the press, radio, movie can advance peace sentiment and action.

PEACE WORKERS: You can get more information on this method by sending a card to Peace-Agent.

PEACE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: By all means, if you do not understand what to do with your committees, let us give some hints.